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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES☒ Original ☐ AmendmentU.S. House of Representatives  
110<sup>th</sup> CongressEMPLOYEE  
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms publicly available as soon as possible after they are received. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Employee (print or type): Shannon WeinbergName of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/ARelationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_Date of Departure and Date of Return: Aug. 17-21\*, 2008 (\*mechanical difficulties; delayed in Denver one night)Dates at Personal Expense: N/AItinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, DC - Aspen, CO - Washington, DCSponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Progress and Freedom FoundationDescribe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Topics of panel discussions, lunch/dinner meetings, and panel participation related to topics within the Committee's jurisdiction. Topics included telecommunications, intellectual property rights, online privacy, and behavioral targeting/advertising.

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the employee; *and*
3. ☒ the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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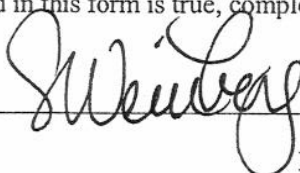
**TRAVEL EXPENSES:**

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$534	\$897	\$300
For accompanying family member:	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	N/A	N/A
For accompanying family member:	N/A	N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:



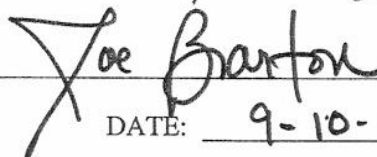
DATE: September 3, 2008

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:

Joe Barton, Ranking Member

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:



DATE: 9-10-08

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**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM  
For Members, Officers and Employees  
(submit directly to the Committee)**

This form should be completed by House Members, officers or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule XXV, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form.

*Members, officers and employees seeking approval for travel are urged to submit all forms to the Committee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. A copy of this form will be made available for public inspection. Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): Shannon Weinberg
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Progress and Freedom Foundation  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Travel destination(s): Aspen, CO
4. a. Dates of travel: August 17 - 20, 2008  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A  
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, check one of the following:  
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or  
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐  
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:  
Topics and discussions related to jurisdiction of the Committee include intellectual property rights,  
online privacy, behavioral advertising, and telecommunications.

9. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: Committee on Energy & Commerce

Office address: H2-564 Ford House Office Building

Phone number: 202.225.3641

Email address: shannon.weinberg@mail.house.gov

**NOTE:** You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need contact you if additional information is required.

**FOR STAFF:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
HT-2, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515  
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(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**  
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

*Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The Progress & Freedom Foundation
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): See attached sheet. Each attendee is being invited for their interest, legislative responsibility and expertise in digital economy policy issues.
6. Dates of travel: Sunday, August 17, 2008 through Wednesday, August 20, 2008
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington, DC - Aspen - Washington, DC
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
  - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
  - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: The Progress & Freedom Foundation has independently conceived and organized its Aspen Summit each year since 1995.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: The Progress & Freedom Foundation has been hosting its annual Aspen Summit to bring together academics, policymakers and business decision makers to discuss and debate emerging issues in the digital world as part of its study of the Digital Revolution.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: House staff members attending will be provided with coach class commercial airfare.
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
16. I represent that either (check one of the following):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ or
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☐
- If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The Progress & Freedom Foundation has hosted its Aspen Summit in Aspen, CO since 1995.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: The St. Regis Aspen
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost is \$299 plus applicable taxes per night.
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: The St. Regis Aspen has been the home of the Aspen Summit since its inception.

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$750	\$299 plus tax per night	\$300
For each accompanying family member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	None expected	
For each accompanying family member	N/A	N/A

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: allison bringardner

Name and title: Allison Bringardner, Director of Events

Organization: The Progress & Freedom Foundation

Address: 1444 Eye St NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-289-8928

Fax number: 202-289-6079

Email Address: abringardner@pff.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

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(202) 225-7392 (general fax)  
(202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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THE PROGRESS  
& FREEDOM FOUNDATION

**Aspen Summit 2008  
Unlocking Innovation-  
Has the Key Been Misplaced?**

**Agenda**

**Sunday, August 17**

- 6:00 p.m.      **Reception**
- 6:45 p.m.      **Welcome Remarks**
- Ken Ferree, President, The Progress & Freedom Foundation
- 7:00 p.m.      **Opening Keynote Address**
- John Horrigan, Associate Director, Research, Pew Internet & American Life Project

**Monday, August 18**

- 8:30 a.m.      **Welcome Remarks**
- George A. Keyworth, Chairman, The Progress & Freedom Foundation
- 8:45 a.m.      **Keynote Address**
- 9:30 a.m.      **Panel Discussion: Should We Deputize the Middleman? New Debates about Intermediary Liability**
- Adam Thierer, Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Digital Media Freedom, The Progress & Freedom Foundation (moderator)
- 11:00 a.m.      **Panel Discussion: Copyright Enforcement Online: Can We Do Better?**
- Tom Sydnor, Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for the Study of Digital Property, The Progress & Freedom Foundation (moderator)
- 12:30 p.m.      **Luncheon Panel Discussion: Online Advertising, Behavioral Marketing & Privacy**
- Berin Szoka, Visiting Fellow, The Progress & Freedom Foundation (moderator)
- 6:00 p.m.      **Reception**



- 7:00 p.m.      **Informal Working Dinners**
- Kids, Media & Marketing: Child Safety & Privacy in a Web 2.0 World
  - China: A Challenge of Olympic Proportions
  - Patent Reform: Where We Are, and Where We Might Go
  - Spectrum Policy: White Spaces and Beyond

**Tuesday, August 19**

- 8:30 a.m.      **Plenary Address**
- Richard W. Fisher, President and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
- 9:15 a.m.      **Panel Discussion: The Innovation Imperative: Engage or Retreat?**
- Bret Swanson, Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Global Innovation, The Progress & Freedom Foundation (moderator)
- 10:45 a.m.      **Keynote Address:**
- Patrick J. Esser, President, Cox Communications Inc.
- 11:30 a.m.      **Panel Discussion: Next Generation Network Policy – Here and Abroad**
- Barbara Esbin, Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Communications and Competition Policy, The Progress & Freedom Foundation (moderator)
- 12:30 p.m.      **Luncheon Panel Discussion**
- Ambassador David A. Gross, United States Coordinator for International Communications & Information Policy, U.S. Department of State (moderator)
- 6:00 p.m.      **Chairman's Reception**
- 7:00 p.m.      **Chairman's Dinner & Address**

The following is a list of all House invitees:

Marc Berkman	Shannon Good
Monica Fawzy	Theresa Lavery
Philip Tahtakran	Tim Powderly
Stacey Dansky	Mark Seifert
Perry Apelbaum	Maureen Flood
Ellen McLaren	Shana Chandler
David Whitney	Will Carty
Blaine Merritt	Cade Clurman
John Mautz	Chris Herndon
Branden Ritchie	Paul Cancienne
Matt Iandoli	Greg Orlando
Karas Pattison	Greg Louer
Jason Scism	Matt Mandel
S. Brenna Findley	Scott Cleveland
Elizabeth Stack	Pete Obermueller
Christal Sheppard	Ryan Tracy
Julia Massimino	Joe Moser
Eric Garduno	Jonathan Taets
Michone Johnson	Valerie Henry
Shanna Winters	Brad Schweer
Neil Fried	
Courtney Reinhard	
Shannon Weinberg	
Gregg Rothschild	
Colin Crowell	
Johnathan Cordone	
David Cavicke	
Nick Shipley	
Kenneth DeGraff	
Lars Hydle	
Megan Garcia	
Dana Lichtenberg	
Jay Hulings	
Lori Pepper	
Jonathan Levenshus	
Jennifer Schneider	
Leo Munoz	
Tiffany Guarascio	
Christian Fjeld	
Jared Weaver	
Ernesto Falcon	
Brian Skretny	
Vince Jesaitis	
Laura Marsh	

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## U.S. House of Representatives

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July 23, 2008

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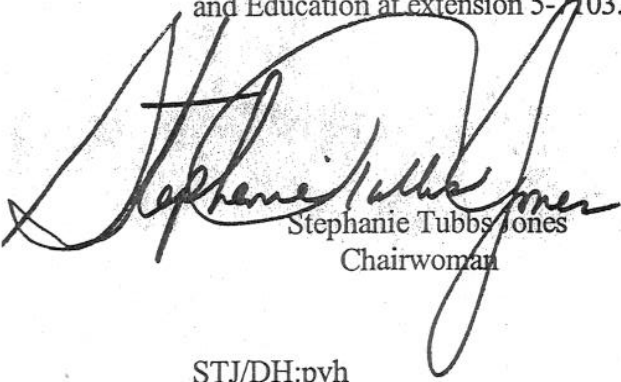
Dear Ms. Weinberg:

Pursuant to House Rule XXV, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Aspen, Colorado scheduled for August 17 to 20, 2008 sponsored by the Progress and Freedom Foundation.

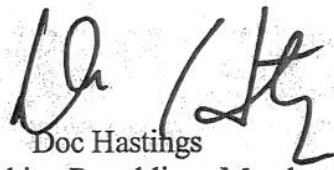
You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Tubbs Jones  
Chairwoman



Doc Hastings  
Ranking Republican Member

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